

# A Day at Lake Arrowhead Scout Camps

## Unique Program Teaches Scouts To Help Others

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"Camping is the very heart of Boy Scouts," says Dave Hurford, chairman of the camping committee.

That couldn't be more true, and a day at the Lake Arrowhead camps is proof enough. We spent a day at the camps along with a group of newsmen from throughout Los Angeles County this week, meeting and talking with the scout leaders and a special group of scouts.

Representing all troops in the Los Angeles Area Council, some 500 boys have just ended the week-long training session at the mountain camp site which is designed to teach them how to teach others. Now home, these 500 boys will be the backbone of a teaching effort that will extend through the winter and spring months.

Known as the Cedar Badge Junior Leader Program, the annual special camp session is designed to teach camping skills to selected scouts. The skills include mountain climbing techniques, the use of hunting knives and axes, first aid, swimming, canoeing, rope work, nature lore, and field sports.

Once these scouts have completed their training courses, they return to their troops to assist scoutmasters in further training for the members of the troop.

Organized in 1951, the training program was conducted on a small basis for seven years. In 1959, the Sears, Roebuck Foundation donated funds for an expanded program, and after a reorganization effort the Cedar Badge sessions were begun. Today, about 25,000 boys benefit from the specialized instruction carried on through the program, with more than 500 actually attending the Lake Arrowhead camps.

Scout troops select from their own ranks a member of the troop to represent them in the Cedar Badge program. Expenses are divided between the troop, the Los Angeles Council, and the Sears Foundation.



**PRACTICE, PRACTICE . . .** North Torrance Scout Rick Laller works on a special rope-tying setup at the Lake Arrowhead camp. As will all of the other approximately 500 boys in camp, Laller will return to his troop and pass his skills to other Scouts. Scout leaders estimate the knowledge obtained by the boys in the Cedar Badge Program will eventually be passed on to 25,000 Boy Scouts.



**HERE IS HOW . . .** Harbor area scoutmaster Jack Wheaton instructs Boy Scouts on the hows and how-nots of rope tying during the week-long Cedar Badge Program conducted by the Los Angeles Area Boy Scout Council at the Lake Arrowhead Camp. Wheaton is well aware of the camping aspects of Scouting since he spent much of his earlier

life on an Indian reservation. He is also skilled in the educational angle since he taught the ninth grade in a Gardena school. Many of the Lake Arrowhead counselors are professional Scouters but many others are the backbone of the Scouts—volunteers.



**NEW WOODSMAN . . .** Bill Pollard of Wilmington takes his Tote 'n Chip test during the Cedar Badge Boy Scout program at Lake Arrowhead. Scouts are instructed in the use of the axe, hatchet and knife, developing skills that will serve them in case of an emergency in the mountains. During the week-long program, little time is left for play as the Scouts are run through a rigid training program.



**MAIL CALL . . .** Just like the Armed Forces in many aspects, the Scouts also like to hear from home. Here, Scoutmaster Boodman distributes daily mail to a group of scouts from the Harbor District. Waiting for a letter from home are Murray Grant, Richard Jones, and Claude Trout, all Cedar Badge Scouts in camp for special leadership training.



**LISTEN CAREFULLY . . .** Scouts of the Harbor District are listening to a first-aid lecture being given by Gene Miller, a special instructor for the Cedar Badge program. Miller will show the Scouts how to treat injuries and also give them tips and techniques for teaching members of their own troops once they return home.



**SWINGING IN A TREE . . .** Richard Jones of San Pedro dangles from a pine tree at the Scout Camps during a demonstration of mountain-climbing techniques. Explaining the knots to Richard is Scoutmaster Herman Boodman of Torrance. Safety precautions like this are taught to the Cedar Badge Scouts during their week-long training session.



**INTENSE LEARNER . . .** Concentrating on his Tote 'n Chip test in which he must prove he can safely handle a knife, hatchet and axe, Torrance Boy Scout Stan Ostoski sharpens a piece of wood for use as a tent stake. The test came after a lunch which was prepared by the boys. Each day a different boy takes command of the Troop in the Cedar Badge program and each day a new boy is appointed cook.



**CAMP ISN'T ALL FUN . . .** There is a lot of work to the Cedar Badge program at the Scout Camp, and book learning has its place, too. Here, Steve Elde, Rich Gollightly, and Steve Lange, all of Torrance troops, are shown as they study their handbooks and first-aid guides. Regular classes and training sessions are planned every day, and a fair amount of "study time" is also included.

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